Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph 26 as follows:

----[0026] FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating the main processing operations effected by the FIG. 2 service system in handling a data-transfer request specified by an a corresponding transfer descriptor.--

Please amend paragraph 30 as follows:

----[0030] Transfer requests are specified to the service system in transfer descriptors. An example of one form of transfer descriptor 65 is depicted in FIG. 3. The transfer descriptor 65 starts with a Request Identifier 66 including a first element for identifying the entity requesting the data transfer (the "requester") and a second element for identifying the request amongst other requests the requestor may have made. The transfer descriptor also comprises data elements 67 68 describing the data transfer (source and sink endpoint addresses, bytes to be transferred), and data elements 67 specifying criteria to be met by the transfer (cost, maximum delay before transfer started, quality of service). The form of the endpoint addresses will usually be sufficient to identity identify which endpoint is the mobile entity but this can also be explicitly indicated. Quality of service will usually be specified in terms of bit rate but other measures are also possible and are within the scope of the present invention.---

Please amend paragraph 41 as follows:

----[0041] the transfer instructor 48 can at the appropriate time command the PLMN 10 through control interface 35 to set up a data transfer path using the appropriate service between the end points (interface 35 may be a "Parlay" interface as described at http://parlay.msftlabs.com). In FIG. 2, the transfer instructor is shown as connected to the control interface 35 via

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dedicated link; however, the transfer instructor could communicate with

interface 35 via the Internet 39 35.---

Please amend paragraph 42 as follows:

---[0042] -. In the first and second cases above, the transfer instructor 48
could delay sending out messages until the appropriate time for effecting the
transfer.---

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